capacity grid connected solar plants by March, 2013. NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), the trading subsidiary of NTPC, will be the nodal agency for purchase of 1,000 MW capacity of grid solar power (connected to 33 KV and above grid) from the project developers at a tariff fixed by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) for purchase of solar power. NVVN will sign a PPA with each project developer for a period of 25 years as fixed by CERC. For each MW capacity of solar power for which PPA is signed by NVVN, Ministry of Power will allocate to NVVN an equivalent MW capacity from the unallocated quota of NTPC stations. NVVN will bundle this with solar power and sell this power at a rate fixed as per CERC regulations. The utilities will be entitled to use solar power to meet their renewable power obligation (RPO).

(c) The Government has not proposed any specific site to set up solar power plants. A project developer can set up a solar plant anywhere in the country, based on the availability of land, solar radiation and other facilities.

Setting up of power projects in Andhra Pradesh

*256. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the proposals received by his Ministry from Andhra Pradesh Government to set up power projects in the State during the last three years;

(b) the latest status of the progress of each such project;

(c) the number and details of the proposals which have not been cleared so far; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) With the enactment of Electricity Act, 2003, concurrence of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is not required for setting up of new Thermal Power Projects. However, concurrence of CEA is required for setting up of Hydro Projects estimated to involve a capital expenditure exceeding such sum as may be fixed from time to time, by Notification.

During the last three years, a proposal for Hydro Electric Project, namely, Indira Sagar Polavaram Multipurpose Project (960 MW) has been received from APGENCO, Andhra Pradesh for accord of concurrence. The proposal has been received only on October 10, 2009 in CEA.

Unrealistic and objectionable programmes

*257. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for permitting television producers to exhibit un-realistic and highly objectionable programmes in the name of reality show; and

(b) whether her Ministry is aware about the so-called comedy programmes wherein

women are projected as commodity and sexist remarks are made about her life, violating all norms of customs and the law of the land?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There is no provision to give prior permission to private TV Channels for making/producing programmes before telecast. There is no pre-censorship of TV progrmmes. However, all private TV channels are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Code prescribe under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. This Ministry has constituted an Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) to look into specific complaint or take *suo-motu* cognizance against the violation of the Progarmme and Advertising Codes. Action in taken as per rules whenever violation of Codes is brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) Instances of obscenity, nudity, vulgarity etc. in TV programmes have been brought to the notice of the Government from time to time. IMC as referred to (a) above looks into complaints of violation of the Cable TV Act.

Grant for promotion of tribal culture, museum and cultural activities

†*258. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any recommendations from the State Government of Maharashtra for providing grant to the private institutions for promotion of tribal culture, museum and cultural activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the nature of the grant and the criteria/norms for providing such grants; and

(d) the method of coordination between the Central and State Governments for preservation, protection and promotion of tribal culture in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Research and Training is providing Central Assistance on matching basis (50:50) with State Governments to various Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) across the country, for various activities including setting up of tribal museums fur exhibiting tribal artifacts and preservation of tribal culture, In addition, in order to preserve, showcase and promote various facets of tribal life relating to their culture, traditions and customs, grants are also provided to States/UTs for organizing tribal festivals at the regional level through States/UTs and at the national level in collaboration with the nodal Ministry/Department. Grants in aid are released on a year to year basis on receipt of the proposals and Utilisation Certificates of the previous years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.